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In re Patent Application of

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DEVICE IN AN INSTALLATION
CONTROL SYSTEM

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 2-9, 11 and 14-24 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 10 and 12-13 have been canceled. Claims 21-22 are the sole independent claims pending.

On pages 3-4 of the Office Action, independent claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,059,439 (Besnard) or U.S. Patent No. 6,298,377 (Hartikainen et al). Independent claims 21 and 22 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,618,745 (Christensen et al).

In numbered paragraph 13 on page 7 of the Office Action, independent claims 21 and 22 are included in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over newly cited U.S. Patent No. 6,615,088 (Myer et al). Because the Myer patent is a newly cited reference, and because claims 21-22 correspond to original claims 1

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